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## U.S. Aides Say Panama Received Transcripts, but Deny Canal Link

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—A United States Army sergeant sold the Government of Panama transcripts of official Panamanian telephone conversations intercepted by American intelligence devices in 1975 and 1976, Defense Department officials said tonight.

However, the conversations, intercepted by microwave, had nothing to do with the negotiations between the United States and Panama over a new Panama Canal treaty, the officials said. Nor did the case involve wiretapping or "black-mail," they said.

In their zeal to find out how much and what kind of information the sergeant had delivered to the Panamanians, American intelligence officials decided to give him immunity from prosecution and he was given an honorable discharge from the Army last summer, the officials said. They added that the sergeant implicated was not Hor Rodriguez Brustmeyer of Brooklyn, who has been subpoenaed to appear Friday before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee investigating reports of electronic eavesdropping and blackmail said to have influenced the canal treaty talks. Mr. Brustmeyer was honorably discharged from the Army on Aug. 15.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, were emphatic in saying that the intercepted conversations were not related to the canal treaty negotiations. They also differentiated between "intercepts" and electronic eavesdropping known as "bugging."

The subcommittee on separation of powers of the Senate Judiciary Committee will investigate the allegations that electronic eavesdropping by the United States and consequent blackmail by Panama may have influenced the contents of the Panama Canal treaties. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence examined the reports earlier this month and said afterward that it had "no evidence or reason to believe or conclude that U.S. intelligence activities have, in any way,

affected the final results" of the Panama negotiations.

But Senator James B. Allen, Democrat of Alabama, chairman of the subcommittee has issued subpoenas for eight witnesses, including high Government officials and Mr. Brustmeyer.

The subcommittee has asked the Army to produce all records related to Mr. Brustmeyers's military service.

Subpoenas have also been issued for Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Clarence M. Kelley, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander; Lieut. Gen. Eugene Tighe Jr., director of the Defense Intelligence Agency; Thomas M. Constant, secretary of the Panama Canal Company; Brig. Gen. Robert S. Young, commander of the Army's reserve component personnel and administration center, and Benjamin R. Civiletti, an Assistant Attorney General who heads the Criminal Division of the Justice Department.

Only Mr. Brustmeyer has been ordered to appear in person at the hearing. The other subpoenas ask only for delivery of information.

Subcommittee staff members said a decision on whether to summon the officials would be made after an examination of the requested records.